

"O dear!" sighed the fox, "if I were a little younger, what a rare supper I could make off that young thing. But I can't catch her." Then an idea struck him.

"Hem! hem! hem!" said he in a loud voice.

The hare was startled and looked around.

"Sweet miss," said the fox, coaxingly, "I'm old and feeble, and can't fetch my supper; will you get it for me?"

"O yes," said the hare, who was a giddy, thoughtless thing, but very good natured. "What would you like? Some fresh, dewey clover?"

"Dear me, no," said the fox; "that would not suit me at all."

"O, it is delicious!" said the hare, "but what should you like?"

"Just walk into my house," answered the fox; "and I will show you the sort of things I like."

Now his den was strewn all over with the bones of rabbits and ducks and pheasants and chickens.

"Wait a minute," said the hare, "till I finish this turnip top." Then she skipped gayly up to the fox. "Now I'm ready," said she.

And so was the fox. He just gave her backbone one nip, and she was as dead as dead could be.

Do not listen to the fine words of strangers whoever they may be. And do not choose your friends until you know something about them.

## Our Young People

### "WITH YOUR MIGHT"

Ecc. 9:10; John 4:27-35

Topic for Aug. 28.

The world wants workers. There are enough stumps and stones and lazy bones and idle drones but a great dearth of Elijahs and Nehemiahs and Pauls. Obediah "feared the Lord greatly" and "hid the prophets by fifty in a cave," but he got along with the sinful Ahab very nicely. Elijah did not do that. He could not be content with his nation backsliding, therefore he acted and his life is bearing fruit to this day. We need aggressive Christians; Christians who will work at it, prohibitions who will vote it, preachers who must cry "woe is me if I preach not," missionaries who will give and go. We need men who have singleness of purpose and an ambition to make the most of life for the kingdom of God.

How intensely active was the life of our Savior. "I must work" was the sentiment that kept urging him on as he went about doing good for he realized that night would soon come. His earthly life was short but at its conclusion he could say "I have finished the work." We may be called away at any time. How precious are these flying moments and how full we ought to crowd them with service! And how eagerly we ought to "redeem the time" lest we be found idle and unprofitable servants. The glory of the young is their strength, and this strength is for us to consecrate so that we shall not waste it in dissipation or idleness but live unreservedly for Christ and the church.

#### SCRIPTURE LIGHT

1. Our strength is the Lord's, 1 Cor. 6:19.
2. And should be used for Him, Rom. 12:1.
3. In youth, Ecc. 12:1.
4. Out and out, Mt. 10:32-37; Mt. 12:30; Rom. 10:10; 1 Kings 18:21.

5. The time is short, Ps. 39:4; Eph. 5:16; John 12:35, 36; Cor. 4:5.
6. The pressing need, Matt. 9:37, 38; Luke 10:2; John 4:35.
7. Working with might, Matt. 2:28; John 9:4; 1 Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:10-12; Jas. 2:17.
8. In full armor, Eph. 6:10-16.
9. Open testimony, Ps. 9:1; Ps. 34:1.
10. Giving with might, 2 Cor. 9:7; Mk. 12:43; Luke 14:33.
11. The source of our strength, Zech. 4:6; Ps. 84:5-7; 2 Cor. 12:9; Ps. 27:14 and 41:3; Phil. 4:13.
12. The reward of labor, Ps. 126:5, 6; John 4:36; Rev. 22:12.
13. Let us not be weary, Gal. 6:9.
14. Not slothful in business, Rom. 12:11; Prov. 10:4; Prov. 22:29.
15. Diligent in worship, Heb. 12:15.
16. The first commandment, Luke 12:30, 31.

#### TOPICS FOR TWO-MINUTE TALKS

1. What lesson can we learn from Nehemiah and his men? Neh. 4:3-9 and 6:2, 3.
2. How may we help one another in our work? Isa. 41:7.
3. What is the lesson of Gideon and his men? Judges 7:1-10.
4. What may we learn from Josiah? 2 Kings 23:24, 25; from Daniel? 1 Chron. 29:2.
5. How may we know what work to be doing?
6. In what ways ought we work with more might?
7. What inspiring examples of zeal have we in our day?
8. What are some things we should fight with all our might?
9. How is Christ our example in working with our might?
10. What incentives have we to be working with our might?

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### DUDES AND "MOTHER BOYS."

Youths Companion.

If the unfortunate people who gloat over sensational romances can be wooed to read anything else,—for instance, true tales of daring deeds,—the events of the present war may tend to dispel certain of their illusions and supply them with some new ideals.

These students of ferocious fiction have always imagined heroes as rough in appearance and manner; careless, if not profane, in speech, and not at all strict as to habits. They have appeared to cherish the notion that bravery flourished best when unaccompanied by any other virtue.

It will surprise such persons to learn that, long ago, the hero of Manila was nicknamed by his intimates, "Dandy Dewey." Stranger yet,—so, at least, they may think,—the young lieutenant who took the Merrimac into Santiago harbor was always proud to be known as a "mother boy." Both of these officers are members of the church, and Hobson was an active worker in the Young Men's Christian Association.

These are facts that may make silly people wonder. But the people who have studied character as expressed in human lives are not surprised that men like Dewey and Hobson were first to gain renown. All experience teaches that, when hoodlums would bluster and run away, the man who rises to an emergency is the quiet, modest, God-fearing gentleman who respects his body and realizes that he has a soul.

## The Christian Life

### Warning

In the time of our fullness and thrift,  
Ere the time of our loss and our dole,  
Let the angels who guard us uplift  
A warning to every soul.  
Oh! heed it and hear it, lest all unaware  
We waken some day to the gloom of despair.

We shall never be sorry for love!  
For the words that are patient and sweet;  
For the hardness repressed,  
For the anger unguessed,  
For the grace that is swift to entreat,

We shall never be sorry for hope  
That heartened the weak and the tried,  
That made them the bolder to cope  
With the evil one close to their side;  
For the pity we've shown  
To the souls that alone  
Were stemming some fierce, rushing tide.

We shall never be sorry for care  
To the old or the little ones given,  
Not ever regret the swift prayer  
That went to our Father in heaven,  
For meekness and cheer  
When the outlook was drear,  
For faith when our courage was riven.

In the time of our fulness and thrift,  
Ere the time of our dole and our loss,  
Let the angels who guard us uplift  
A voice against cleaving to dross;  
Let us hear it and heed it, lest all unaware  
We waken some day to the gloom of despair.  
—Margaret E. Sangster.

### PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

THE PROPHETS—DANIEL

#### I. Biography

- a. A descendant of the Judean king. Dan. 1:3, 6.
- b. Well-favored, wise and learned. Dan. 1:4, 20.
- c. Refused to defile himself with the king's meat and wine. Dan. 1:4, 20.
- d. In answer to his prayer God reveals to him Nebuchadnezzar's dream and the interpretation and thus his life and the lives of all the wise men of Babylon are saved. Dan. 2:10, 30.
- e. Worshipped by the king. Dan. 2:46.
- f. Honored by the king. Dan. 2:48.
- g. Became master of the magicians of the king. Dan. 4:9.
- h. Interprets the king's dream that foretold the king's insanity. Dan. 4:19-27.
- i. Interprets the hand writing on the wall. Dan. 5:17-28.
- j. Honored by Belshazzar. Dan. 5:29.
- k. Made the first of the three presidents by Darius. Dan. 6:1, 3.
- l. Delivered into the den of lions by the envy of the princes. Dan. 6:4-17.
- m. Kept by God's power. Dan. 6:18, 23.
- n. As a consequence God was honored in the kingdom of Persia. Dan. 6:25, 28.
- o. Dreams and interprets many dreams concerning the latter times. (1) The Four Beasts. Dan. 7. (2) The Ram and He Goat. Dan. 8. (3) Concerning Messiah and the final destruction of Jerusalem. Dan. 9:20, 27. (4) Concerning the events future to the destruction of Jerusalem. Dan. 10 to 12.

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